

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m., May 10, 1994.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilman Payton M. Otey; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Vice Mayor James A. Vest.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton welcomed the student participants in Local Government Day. Members of Council and the staff introduced the students.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on April 26, 1994, and the minutes of an adjourned Council meeting held on April 28, 1994, were approved as distributed.

Councilman Tharp introduced two businessmen from Russia who are in the United States studying production and other business matters at Bunker Hill Foods and other industries in the area.

Mayor Shelton recognized Council member-elect Linda Kochendarfer and congratulated Councilman Brookshier and Councilman Otey, who were successful in their reelection to City Council for four year terms.

Mayor Shelton thanked Mr. Billy Burnette, Mr. Stan Stancer, and Mr. Bob Wandrei on behalf of Council for giving of themselves to run in the election for City Council.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following public hearing notice:

### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by City Council at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 1994, at the City Municipal Building, Council Hall, 215 E. Main St. for the purpose of considering a request for the following:

To consider rezoning property from M-1 Manufacturing to R-2 Medium Density Residential located to the east of the intersection of Walnut Street and Baltimore Avenue and continuing to Shady Knoll Avenue. The parcels are identified on the Bedford City Tax maps as parcel #176-A-16 and #176-5-9.

The application is on file in the Office of Community and Economic Development.

The request is being made by Robert W. Ayers, owner.

Anyone who is in favor of or opposed to the request will have an opportunity to express their view at this hearing.

By the Authority of City Council

Mr. Jimmy English, Director of Community & Economic Development, stated that the Planning Commission at its regular meeting, and after a public hearing, unanimously agreed to recommend that City Council approve the rezoning request by Mr. Ayers.

Mayor Shelton opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Mr. Robert W. Ayers asked that Council give favorable consideration to his request.

As there were no further comments, Mayor Shelton closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Councilman Brookshier moved that Council approve the rezoning request from M-1 Manufacturing to R-2 Medium Density Residential for property located to the east of Walnut Street and to the west of Shady Knoll Avenue, the request being from Mr. Robert W. Ayers, owner.

A brief discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Grahame asked that the minutes reflect that she neither participated in the discussion of nor voted on this issue.

The motion was then voted upon and carried, six members voting aye, one member (Grahame) abstaining.

The student Clerk of Council, Alison Owen, read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the observation of the functions of local government is of primary importance in the study of local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the seventh grade students of Bedford Middle School have, on May 10, 1994, participated in the local government process by observing these officials in the carrying out of their duties; and

**WHEREAS**, these students will, on May 11, 1994, conduct Local Government Day activities in the Council Hall of the City of Bedford;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that May 11, 1994 be, and it hereby is designated as

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY**

in the City of Bedford.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that the resolution be adopted as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Student City Manager Cherie Nunley stated that Council had received a letter from Elizabeth Berry-Mosley, Executive Director of Bedford Main Street, Inc., requesting permission to block East Main Street from Bridge Street to Court/South Street on May 30 from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for a commemorative ceremony in observance of Memorial Day and the 50th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. The Bedford Main Street office has on file signed permission forms from those organizations and businesses in the area affected by the closing, and notice of the ceremony plans will be mailed to them prior to the event. The plans have been reviewed by the Chief of Police and the Fire Department and Rescue Squad have been notified.

Councilman Brookshier moved that Council approve the closing of East Main Street from Bridge Street to Court/South Street on May 30 from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously.

City Manager Gross stated that the State Department of Youth and Family Services has appointed a Secure Detention and Alternatives Planning Committee to explore the current problems surrounding lack of available bed space and alternatives to secure juvenile detention in the Tenth and Twenty-Fourth Judicial Districts. The City Manager indicated that the Planning Committee has prepared a Request for Proposals for professional consultant services to assist with this project. The total cost of this study and the cost to participating localities cannot be determined until the Request for Proposal is released and bids are opened, but estimates range from \$20,000 to \$60,000. A formula will be devised to allocate the cost among participating jurisdictions.

Mr. Gross indicated that the goal of the committee is to release the Request for Proposal by May 25, and the City has been asked to notify the Committee by May 20 if it wishes to participate.

Councilman Rice moved that Council authorize the City of Bedford's participation in the Regional Youth Detention Study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Student Mayor Daniel Bays, on behalf of the student government, expressed appreciation for joining in City Council's meeting, and also thanked Mrs. Robin Johnson, seventh grade teacher, for her help.

Mayor Shelton, members of Council, and members of the staff presented keys to the City to the student

council members and the student staff members.

Mayor Shelton also presented keys to the City to the two businessmen visiting from Russia.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.